



**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
CONSTRUCTION CODES COORDINATING BOARD**  
*c/o DCRA– 1100 4<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Washington, DC 20024*

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**CODE CHANGE PROPOSAL FORM**

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**CODE:** Building                      **SECTION NO.** 1509.6.1                      **SUBCOMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO.** BC-B-15-3-13

**PROPOSING SUBCOMMITTEE:** Building    **CHAIR:** Sabbakhan

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**DATES OF PROPOSAL:** 6/6.13                      **CCCCB PRESENTATION:** 6.13.12                      **CCCCB APPROVAL:** 6.25.2012

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CHECK ONE    ☒ *Revise section to read as follows:*                      ☐ *Delete section and substitute the following:*  
                    ☐ *Add new section to read as follows:*                      ☐ *Delete section without substitution.*

**TYPE ALL TEXT IN 12-POINT TIMES NEW ROMAN FONT**  
~~LINE THROUGH TEXT TO BE DELETED~~ (highlight text, under Format, click font and check strikethrough)  
UNDERLINE TEXT TO BE ADDED

*Strike Section 1509.6.1 of the International Building Code in its entirety and insert new section 1509.6.1 in the Building Code as follows:*

**1509.6.1 Height limitations.**

Mechanical equipment screens shall not exceed 18 feet 6 inches (5638 5486 mm) in height above the roof deck, as measured to the highest point on the mechanical equipment screen.

**Exception:** Where located on buildings of Type IA construction, the height of mechanical equipment screens shall not be limited.

Anticipated impact of code change on cost of construction (CHECK ONE)  
☐ *Increase*                      ☐ *Decrease*                      ☒ *Negligible*                      ☐ *Unknown*

*Per 1,000 SF single-family dwelling                      to*  
*Per 1,000SF of commercial building                      to*

**JUSTIFICATION OF CHANGE:**

Please reference one or more of the criteria required

- ☐ To address a critical life/safety, health, general welfare need.  
☐ To address a specific District of Columbia policy or statute  
☒ For consistency with federal, or with reference to the Metro DC area (MD, VA) codes  
☐ Address a unique character issue in the District of Columbia  
☐ Correction of errors and omissions  
☐ Other (explain) To address an inconsistency in the applicability of the adopted construction codes.



**Reason:** The purpose of this proposed code change is to coordinate mechanical equipment screens height limitations with the District of Columbia Zoning Code.



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